

ESL CONCESSIONS – PENSIONERS AND SENIORS

Pensioners and seniors may be eligible for an ESL concession if they are the owner or co-owner, as at 1 July of the financial year, of a property which is their “ordinary place of residence”. The following concessional arrangements apply to residential property:

Where there are no ESL arrears, then:

- 1) the holders of a **WA Seniors Card** will be entitled to a rebate of up to 25% on their ESL; and
- 2) the holders of:
 - a **Pensioner Concession Card**; or
 - a **State Concession Card**; or
 - both a **Commonwealth Seniors Health Card** and a **WA Seniors Card**;
 will be entitled to a **rebate** of up to 50% on their ESL **or deferral** of an unpaid ESL charge. Any deferred ESL amounts will no longer attract ESL ‘late payment’ interest penalty.

The above-mentioned rebate arrangements may be subject to pro-rata (part year) claims based on the date of registration for the rebate, providing the property is owned or co-owned on 1 July of the financial year:

- If a person owns and occupies a property and is an eligible Pensioner or Senior (i.e. has a valid card/s) on 1 July, an entitlement to a rebate will apply for the whole financial year (even if eligibility status changes during that year).
- However, if a person owns and occupies a property on 1 July, but does not have a valid card at that time, they will be entitled to a pro-rata rebate when they become a holder of an eligible card part way through the year.

Arrears

Where *arrears* are due from a registered person in respect of ESL:

- A senior must pay them before any further rebate can be allowed.
- A rebate or deferment shall not be allowed for a pensioner unless they enter into a repayment agreement with the Council and pay according to that arrangement.
- If the arrears are not paid according to the repayment arrangement then any right to a rebate or to defer charges ceases to exist.

How much is the rebate?

The amount of the rebate depends on the type of concessional card you hold.

A Pensioner Concessions Card OR A State Concession Card

Entitles you to receive up to a 50% rebate on your annual water service charges, local government rates and the emergency services levy; and you may be entitled to defer these charges. You are also entitled to receive a rebate on your water usage charges. Rebates on Council rates and water service charges are limited to maximum (capped) amounts which are reviewed and declared each year.



A Commonwealth Seniors Health Card WITH a WA Seniors Card

Entitles you to receive up to a 50% rebate on your annual water service charges, local government rates and the emergency services levy; and you may be entitled to defer these charges. Rebates on Council rates and water service charges are limited to maximum (capped) amounts which are reviewed and declared each year.



A WA Seniors Card by itself

Entitles you to receive up to a 25% rebate on your annual water service charges, local government rates and the emergency services levy. Rebates are limited to maximum (capped) amounts which are reviewed and declared each year; and the deferment option is not available.

